

Quarterly Board Meeting


Wednesday, November 21, 2024

Minneapolis American Indian Center, Gymnasium, 1530 E Franklin Avenue, Minneapolis, MN 55404

8:30 AM – 5:00 PM

MEETING MINUTES

- I. Meeting called to order – Robert Larsen, Board Chair
- II. Invocation and Prayer – Jerry Dearly/ Drum Group: Red Tree Singers
- III. Roll Call – Executive Director Geshick

MIAC Executive Board Members	
<i>Board Chair—Robert L. Larsen, President Lower Sioux Indian Community</i>	PRESENT
<i>Board Vice-Chair— Robert (Bobby) Deschampe, Chairman Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa</i>	PRESENT
<i>Board Member—Bruce Savage, Chairman Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa</i>	PRESENT
<i>Board Member—Cathy Chavers, Chairwoman Bois Forte Band of Chippewa</i>	PRESENT
<i>Board Member—Faron Jackson, Sr., Chairman Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe</i>	PRESENT
<i>Board Member—Grant Johnson, President Prairie Island Indian Community</i>	PRESENT
<i>Board Member—Mike Fairbanks, Chairman White Earth Nation</i>	PRESENT
<i>Board Member—Samuel Strong, Secretary Red Lake Nation</i>	PRESENT
<i>Board Member—Ashley J. Cornforth, Secretary/Treasurer Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community</i>	ABSENT
<i>Board Member—Virgil Wind, Chief Executive Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe</i>	PRESENT

9 out of 10 present

A quorum was present

State of MN Board Members present:

Lieutenant Governor Peggy Flanagan – Governor’s Office Tribal State Relations Mariah Norwood

Representative Heather Keeler

Senator Mary Kunesh

Commissioner of Administration – Tamar Gronvall

Commissioner of Children, Youth and Families – Tikki Brown

Commissioner of Corrections – Paul Schnell

Commissioner of Education –Willie Jett

Commissioner of DEED – Matt Varilek

Commissioner of Health – Deputy Commissioner Wendy Underwood for Brooke Cunningham

Commissioner of Human Rights – Rebecca Lucero

Commissioner of Minnesota Housing Finance Agency – Jennifer Leimaile Ho
Commissioner of Transportation – Nancy Daubenberger
Commissioner of Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation – Ida Rukavina
Commissioner of Natural Resources – Sarah Strommen
Commissioner of Veteran Affairs – Deputy Commissioner Erick Meittunen for Brad Lindsay

Non-voting members absent:

Representative Bobbie Harder
Senator Paul Utke
Commissioner of Human Services – Jodi Harpstead (Excused)

Visiting Commissioners present:

Commissioner of Agriculture – Thom Peterson
Commissioner of Commerce – Grace Arnold
Commissioner of Labor and Industry – Nicole Blissenbach
Commissioner of Minnesota Management and Budget – Erin Campbell
Chair of Met Council – Charles Zelle
Commissioner of Military Affairs – Colonel Tony Fink for MG Shawn Manke
Commissioner of MnIT – Tarek Tomes
Commissioner of Office of Higher Education – Dennis Olson
Commissioner of Pollution Control Agency – Katrina Kessler
Commissioner of Public Safety – Bob Jacobson
Commissioner of Revenue – Paul Marquart

Visiting Commissioners absent:

Commissioner of Cannabis Management – Charlene Briner

- I. **MIAC MEETING MINUTES** –MOTION by Misi-zaaga'iganiing / Mille Lacs Band of Ojibweto approve the amended August 2024, minutes, SECOND by Nah-gah-chi-wa-nong / Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa **PASSED 9 For 0 Opposed 0 Silent**

- II. **MIAC STAFF REPORTS** – Executive Director, Cultural Resources, Legislative Director, Grants Manager, Communications Specialist – bypassed due to executive session.
**Copies of staff reports are available on the MIAC website.*

BOARD UPDATES: Governor's Office Mariah Norwood Executive Director Tribal State Relations; Minnesota State Legislature Representative Heather Keeler; Minnesota State Legislature Senator Mary Kunesh; Department of Administration – Commissioner Tamar

Gronvall; Department of Children, Youth and Families – Commissioner Tikki Brown; Department of Corrections – Commissioner Paul Schnell; Department of Education – Commissioner Willie Jett; Department of DEED – Commissioner Matt Varilek; Department of Health – Deputy Commissioner Wendy Underwood for Commissioner Brooke Cunningham; Department of Human Rights – Commissioner Rebecca Lucero; Department of Minnesota Housing Finance Agency – Commissioner Jennifer Leimaile Ho; Department of Transportation – Commissioner Nancy Daubenberger; Department of Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation – Commissioner Ida Rukavina; Department of Veteran Affairs – Deputy Commissioner Erick Meittunen for Commissioner Brad Lindsay

AGENCY UPDATES: Department of Agriculture – Commissioner Thom Peterson; Department of Commerce – Commissioner Grace Arnold; Department of Labor and Industry – Commissioner Nicole Blissenbach; Department of Minnesota Management and Budget – Commissioner Erin Campbell; Met Council – Chair Charles Zelle; Department of Military Affairs – Colonel Tony Fink for MG Shawn Manke; Minnesota IT – Commissioner Tarek Tomes; Department of Office of Higher Education – Commissioner Dennis Olson; Department of Pollution Control Agency – Commissioner Katrina Kessler; Department of Public Safety – Commissioner Bob Jacobson; Department of Revenue – Commissioner Paul Marquart

III. REPORTS:

Ombudsperson for American Indian Families – Jill Esch (Excused)
Addiction and Recovery Director, Jeremy Drunker
Urban Indian Advisory Board – Caleb Dunlap
Tribal Nations Education Committee – Laurie Harper
Joint Advisory Committee – Lori York

I. APPOINTMENTS and RESOLUTIONS (*Voted upon at Executive Session and Presentation Session respectively*)

- 1. Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's Critical Materials Taskforce** – Misi-zaaga'iganiing / Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Commissioner of Natural Resources Kelly Applegate, MOTIONED by Gaa-waabaabiganikaag / White Earth Nation, SECOND by Zagaakwaandagowiniwag / Bois Forte Band of Chippewa **PASSED 9 For 0 Opposed 0 Silent**
- 2. Taskforce on Domestic Violence and Firearm Surrender** –Gaa-waabaabiganikaag / White Earth Nation Secretary-Treasurer Michael LaRoque, MOTIONED by Zagaakwaandagowiniwag / Bois Forte Band of Chippewa, SECOND by Gichi-Onigaming / Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa **PASSED 9 For 0 Opposed 0 Silent**
- 3. Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources** –
*Recommendations Seth Moose MOTIONED by Gichi-Onigaming / Grand

Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, SECOND by Nah-gah-chi-wa-nong / Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa **PASSED 9 For 0 Opposed 0 Silent**

and

Monica Hedstrom, MOTIONED by Zagaakwaandagowininiwag / Bois Forte Band of Chippewa, SECOND by Misi-zaaga'iganiing / Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe **PASSED 9 For 0 Opposed 0 Silent**

4. **Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council** – Cindy Milda, MOTIONED by Zagaakwaandagowininiwag / Bois Forte Band of Chippewa, SECOND Nah-gah-chi-wa-nong / Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, by **PASSED 9 For 0 Opposed and 0 Silent**
5. **Resolution 11222024_01 Protection of Water, People, and Culture from Copper-Nickel Sulfide Contamination** – MOTIONED by Miskwaagamiwi-Zaagaiganing / Red Lake Nation, SECOND by Gichi-Onigaming / Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa **PASSED 8 For 0 Opposed and 0 Silent**
6. **Resolution 11222024_02 The Protection of Protect Forest Land and Critical Habitat** – MOTIONED by Zagaakwaandagowininiwag / Bois Forte Band of Chippewa, SECOND by Nah-gah-chi-wa-nong / Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa **PASSED 8 For 0 Opposed and 0 Silent**
7. **Resolution 11222024_03 Health Impact Assessment** – MOTIONED by Miskwaagamiwi-Zaagaiganing / Red Lake Nation, SECOND by Gaa-zagaskwaajimekaag / Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe **PASSED 8 For 0 Opposed and 0 Silent**
8. **Letter of Support for Amendment to Minnesota Statue 260E.02** – Chairwoman Cathy Chavers, MOTIONED by Miskwaagamiwi-Zaagaiganing / Red Lake Nation, SECOND by Zagaakwaandagowininiwag / Bois Forte Band of Chippewa **PASSED 8 For 0 Opposed and 0 Silent**
9. **Letter of Support for Traumatic Brain Injury** – MOTIONED by Zagaakwaandagowininiwag / Bois Forte Band of Chippewa, SECOND by Misi-zaaga'iganiing / Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe **PASSED 8 For 0 Opposed and 0 Silent**

II. OLD BUSINESS:

III. NEW BUSINESS:

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT:

X. ANNOUNCEMENTS:



Meeting Adjourned: 4:13 PM MOTIONED by Zagaakwaandagowiniwag, Bois Forte Band of Chippewa, SECOND by Gaa-zagaskwaajimekaag / Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe **PASSED 8 For 0 Opposed 0 Silent**

Respectfully submitted,

Opalina Peralta, Executive Administrative Assistant